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Hi,

I am writing regarding the upcoming proposals for residential building codes regarding electrification.

I am a mostly retired family doc. I am supporting increased code recommendations for electrification and disincentivizing new gas hook ups.

Indoor air pollution is an increasing safety issue particularly for children and for adults with underlying respiratory issues. Gas pipelines and the hookups themselves cause leakage which affects carbon emissions. Climate change is clearly here and we have limited time to try to make a difference.

As much as I love the October sunshine we are having, my garden is not happy, and I am worried about what it means.

As someone interested in health from a prevention point of view, I also look at the long term advantages in terms of health and cost as we try to decrease our carbon footprints. There may be more upfront costs but these can be mitigated with State assistance if needed but will cost much less over the next 10-30 years in terms of ongoing heating/cooling costs, medication cost and hospitalizations as well as hopefully keeping weather related costs down. It is always easier and cheaper to plan ahead than to react later.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,
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